

IN THE DRAWINGS

The attached sheets of drawings include changes to Figs. 3 and 4. These sheets, which include Figs. 3 and 4, replace the original sheets including Figs. 3 and 4.

Attachment: Replacement Sheets

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, as presently amended and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

After entry of the foregoing amendment, Claims 19, 20, and 22-28 are pending in the present application. Claim 21 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 25 and 27 have been amended. Claim 28 has been added. The amendments to Claims 25 and 27 are to form and dependency, respectively. New Claim 28 is identical to Claim 19 but for defining “notch parts” as “openings”. Therefore, no new matter is added.

The drawings were objected to. Claim 27 was objected to because of an informality. Claims 21 and 27/21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Yajima et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,517,292). Claims 19, 20, 22-24, and 26 were allowed. Claims 25 and 27/25 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim and indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claims 27/19, 27/20, 27/22, 27/23, 27/24, and 27/26 were indicated as allowable if the objection regarding the dependency is overcome.

In response to the objection to the drawings, Figures 3 and 4 of the drawings have been amended to replace “101” with “104”. Therefore the objection to the drawings is respectfully requested to be withdrawn.

With regard to the objection to Claim 27, Claim 27 has been amended to not depend on itself. Therefore, the objection to Claim 27 is respectfully requested to be withdrawn.

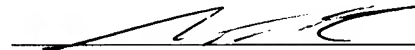
Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the indication of allowable subject matter in dependent Claim 25. In response, Claim 25 is rewritten in independent form.

Newly added Claim 28 is identical to allowed Claim 19 with the exception of substituting “openings” for “notch parts”. Therefore, the allowance of Claim 28 is respectfully requested.

Consequently, in light of the above discussion and in view of the present amendment, the present application is in condition for formal allowance and an early and favorable action to that effect is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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